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DID U.F.O. LAND IN NEW ZEALAND?

Investigation by the Auckland University's U.F.O. Research Group indicates that a UFO did land at Ngatea in September. The following is from their News letter:-

"This was investigated by Group members from Auckland. After first hearing of the existence of the circle on the radio news on Sunday morning, September 7, four members travelled down in the afternoon. The circle is about one mile south-west of Ngatea on a run-off owned by Mr. B.G.O'neil. Mr.O'Neil had apparently seen the whitened tops of nearby trees a few weeks beforehand but had not noticed the whitened circle in the tea-tree until about a week before. The circle had therefore been in its burnt condition possibly a month or more before the story broke in the news media. In addition by the time the Group got there the area had been badly trampled by sightseers and the marks in the ground had been thoroughly disturbed.

The tea-tree in a 56ft. diameter circle was dead but still standing. It was dry and white in color. The burn was uniform down the stem and was obviously not a heat burn. Nor did it appear to be the work of weedkiller or any normal defoliant. Mr.O'Neil noted that if the dead section had been sprayed the stems would all be twisted. The burns were reminiscent of radiation burns.

Outside the circle and between it and the row of nearby trees, was an area in which only the top of the tee-tree had been bleached. Only the top of the trees had been bleached. Not quite in the middle of the burnt circle were three depressions which looked equidistant. Measurements showed that the three sides of the imaginary triangle were in fact 10ft, 10ft and 9 ft. The vague depressions were about 2 ft across and about 8 inches deep. From two of the depressions two furrows forming a v-shape radiated out a few feet. From the third indentation only one furrow radiated out. None of the surrounding tee-tree had been crushed. If one makes the assumption that something came down there it must have had legs.

A crude radiography test was carried out for radioactivity in one depression and in the middle of the triangle, but this proved negative. Soil and scrub samples were taken. A piece of tee-tree was submitted to a gamma spectrum test. This proved negative. We were just about to wind up the investigation when news broke out in the newspapers that field helpers Messrs. H.Cooke and P.Scantlebury of Tauranga and a horticulturalist Mr.J.A. B. Stuart-Menzies had detected abnormal radiation in samples they had taken back to Tauranga. At the time of writing we were in the process of contacting the Tauranga people for further details.

LUNAR AIR FORCE POOH-POOHS SPIDERY UFO --- "RIDICULOUS," Say
Moon Men.
July-

The Moon:- The lunar air force disclosed today that it is investigating reports that an unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted last Sunday in or near the Sea of Tranquility.

However, an air force spokesman scoffed at suggestions that the UFO may have been a spaceship from earth or some other planet.

"We get reports of this type quite frequently and we routinely check them out," the spokesman said. "The so-called 'flying Saucers' usually turn out to have been optical illusions caused by crater gas or something of the sort. We have no evidence that there is any kind of life on earth. And even if the planet were inhabited, it would be ridiculous to think that the earthlings would be able to fly to the moon!"

Despite official scepticism, however, residents of the Sea of Tranquility insisted they saw a strange vehicle land on Sunday and take off again on Monday.

"It passed right over my head," said Mrs. Maudie Tribling, who lives in Crater 22. "I could see two weird-looking creatures peering out of the windows as it went by." Asked to describe the vehicle, Mrs. Tribling said it "looked something like a spider with spindly legs and dishes instead of feet." She said it was "breathing fire" when she first saw it. She said it seemed to hover briefly over the crater and then descend a short distance beyond the rim.

Mrs. Tribling's story was corroborated to some extent by Clyde Kipper who vowed that he actually saw the vehicle land and two unmoonly figures emerge. "They were white all over and had big square backs and glass faces," Kipper said. "I couldn't tell if they were robots or living things, and believe me, I didn't hang around to find out."

Kipper was asked what the creatures were doing when he saw them. "I know you aren't going to believe this," he said. "But they were kind of leaping around and picking up rocks. Once they stopped and -- I'll swear I'm not making this up -- they stopped and set up a red, white and blue cloth and saluted it."

A lunar air force official called Kipper's statement "sheer fantasy". He said, "I've heard some wild stories in my time but this one tops them all. He must have been reading too much science fiction".

Credit: Lou. Farish and 'Skylook.'
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It is with deep regret that we announce the passing from this life of two of this country's most sincere U.F.O. researchers.

Dr. Miran Lindtner, President of the N.S.W. U.F.O. Research Group. UFOIC, was a prominent veterinary scientist enroute to Yugoslavia to attend a conference. He was killed while trying to board a moving express train at Frankfurt. Our sympathies go to his widow and three children.

Mr. Cyril Jones was Foundation President of the West Australian Society - Perth UFO Research Group - and had held office since its formation about 1955. He died after an illness of about two months. Our sympathies are extended to his widow and family.

and to their respective Societies.

U.F.O'S AND THE AIR FORCE.

It is quite amazing what snippets of information are gained during our lectures to various organisations. We know that the Air Force investigates U.F.O. reports but does not make the information public. This was revealed in a letter from the R.A.A.F. to this Society and also confirmed in a telephone conversation between a Committee member and a member of the R.A.A.F. investigating team.

On three different occasions to three totally different types of organisations Mr. Norman and Mrs. Magee were lecturing, they were informed that there is a Security 'Plant' at Kodak and probably other photographic 'houses' also. One ex-employee of Kodak stated that these 'foreigners' would on occasions, come into the building and check the files for any photos involving military establishments or the 'unusual'. The employees were told that if they saw anything of a doubtful nature come through the photographis processes, they were not to release it.

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RADIATION FEAR.

Sunday Telegraph, Oct. 12th, 1969.

United Nations, Sat.

Radiation in the atmosphere and deposits of radioactive materials have increased significantly during the past two years.

This was due to Communist Chinese and French nuclear surface tests, the United Nations reported yesterday.

Atmospheric radiation, caused by nuclear explosions, had decreased steadily in the years before 1966 and reached a low level of 10 percent of its original strength.

The new tests then "about doubled" this low content, the U.N.said.

The fresh contamination was registered in a report issued by the UN's scientific committee on the effects of atomic radiation.

The committee also described the latest findings on the effects of closerange radiation to the human embryo.

They were based on observations of Japanese victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

In addition, the committee reported on animal experiments which also proved that radiation damage to intra-uterine life was strongest, with reduction of head size and mental retardation as the most frequent symptoms among the subsequently born off-spring.

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World Round-up.

Credit English Flying Saucer Review.

COLOMBIA - Man sees saucer and dies.

The Daily Sketch and the Sun of July 19, 1969, carried reports from Bogota, Colombia, of the death of a man who claimed that he had been very close to a flying saucer which, apparently, had landed. The account in the Sun gave far greater detail of the incident and its aftermath-

"Doctors in Colombia, South America, are baffled by the case of a man who died from a mystery sickness after he reported seeing a flying saucer.

"Arcesi Bermudez, aged 50, fell ill after he said he saw a blue and orange flying saucer with flashing lights in his back garden.

"Mr.Bermudez claimed he approached to within 3 yards of the saucer and then went back to fetch a torch. As he was returning the saucer flew away.

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"A week after the sighting a doctor found Mr. Bermudez near death suffering from an attack of vomiting.

"The doctor diagnosed gastro-enteritis but was puzzled by the patient's extremely low temperature. Mr. Bermudez remained lucid to the end and kept repeating he had seen a space ship."

ENGLAND.

UFO's effect on dog.

The Birkenhead News of June 18, 1969, told how -

"Mr. Neil Piper, 37-year-old security guard on a housing estate in Noctorum Lane, was on patrol with his Alsatian, Tex, at about 11.40 on Sunday evening when he heard a noise which, he said, sounded like the swishing of a helicopter's rotor blades and the hum of a generator.

"As soon as I looked up Tex dropped right down on to the ground and started whimpering. I saw a disc-shaped object, silvery underneath and glowing round the outside. It was moving quite slowly and it looked as though it had come right across the Woodchurch Estate. I saw it for about 10 seconds and then it disappeared over the hill towards Noctorum."

"Mr. Piper said: "I was frozen, terrified to the spot. Afterwards, I just wanted to run as far as I could."

Credit English F.S. Review.

SOCIETY NEWS.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The next meeting will be held in the Horticultural Hall on Friday November 7th at 8 p.m.

The program will include a lecture by Mr. Leslie Adam, formerly of the Inventors League, and a report by the Society's Sightings Investigation Officer, of his investigations into a series of UFO photographs recently taken in Western Australia. (Copies of the photographs have been made into slides and will be screened at the meeting.)

SIGHTINGS NIGHTS.

With warmer weather a prospect, the Committee will again be organising sighting nights to the Dandenongs and other areas. Members intending to participate should write to the Secretary, advising whether they have transport, and details will be sent to them as soon as dates have been fixed.

GALLUP POLL ON UFO'S : AUSTRALIA.

A Gallup poll reports that believers and disbelievers in UFO's are equally divided at 39% each while 22% are undecided. This compares with 35% believers against 42% disbelievers and 23% undecided in 1966.

Credit Melb. Herald, 7th Oct.

CHARIOTS OF THE GODS.

This would seem to be one book worth waiting for and it is due to reach the bookstands about the middle or the end of November. If country members are interested in ordering a copy of this book, which was reviewed in both the Sydney "Sun-Herald" and the Melbourne Herald, write to the Secretary and leave your name and address.

RAAF CHASES UFO OVER DARLING DOWNS.

An RAAF Canberra bomber chased but failed to catch a mystery flying object over northern New South Wales today. The bomber was sent from Amberley air force base when hundreds of people in Kyogle and along the Darling Downs reported sighting the object. Shaped like an aluminium zeppelin, it hovered low over townships and farms. Some residents observed it for more than three hours. The bomber crew sighted the object and began to chase it but failed to get near enough to identify it as it accelerated away and vanished.

"Independent", Perth, W.A. 31/8/69.

IS SOMETHING WATCHING?

Two policemen saw a flying cross on the edge of Dartmoor; a farmer watched while a drum-like craft followed and unfolded its wings.

And hundreds of sightings came in from Warminster, Wiltshire, all through the sixties.

Robert Chapman, science writer for the Sunday Express, has gathered the reports into a most reliable book. His conclusions? Well

Photographs taken all over the world do show something. They can be faked and Chapman details some of the tricks used.

And he dismisses George Adamski as "the most intelligent and lucid deluded man I have met".

But Chapman has seen something of the mystery himself, a series of lights over Warminster, and he remains convinced that saucers are not just bunkum; something is out there.

We may have to wait until somebody from another planet actually lands here and freely declares himself to be a visitor from outer space ... if this has not been done already.

The name of the book is "Unidentified Flying Objects" published by Barker, \$4.25.

"Herald" Melbourne, 26/8/69.

MEMBERS! ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

U.S.S.R. SCIENTIST TALKS OF SPACE CONTACTS.

Eminent Soviet astronomer, Viktor Ambartsumyan, again talks of advanced civilisations in the cosmos.

According to a Reuter report from Moscow printed in the Madrid paper Arriba on February 27, 1969, and a further report from Vienna in the same paper of March, 3rd, the Soviet astronomer Ambartsumyan of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has again spoken, in a recent interview with the newspaper Literaturnaya Gazeta, of the very great probability that civilisations more advanced than our own exist on distant planets of the universe, though he added that it might be several centuries yet before we enter into contact with them. The thought of making such contacts and of detecting signals from such beings had greatly added, he said, to the interest now being taken in astronomy. In the meantime, he went on, the fact that we have not yet picked up such signals in no way refutes the idea that such advanced beings may well exist in other galaxies.

According to the Vienna report of March 3, many scientists in the U.S.S.R. and the countries of Eastern Europe share these views, the most notable of them being perhaps Professor Rudolf Pesek who occupies the chair of fluid mechanics in the Technical University of Prague and is also president of the engineering sciences section of the International Academy of Astronautics. Prof. Pesek and some 60 of his colleagues in various parts of the world are certain, furthermore, that contact with the other beings will be established - not in a few hundred years from now as Ambartsumyan envisages - but in one or two decades from now.

Since 1965 Prof. Pesek has been trying to convene an international scientific congress on the subject, and the Soviet scientists were the first to take an interest in his proposals, and even sent to him various concrete suggestions regarding methods of making contact with extraterrestrial life. Western scientists were rather more cautious, but at any rate the Professor's aim will be achieved in the autumn of 1969 when the Congress will take place in Prague. Scheduled to last from September 7 to September 12, it will be a Symposium on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Already dubbed with initials CETI, the gathering will be held under the auspices of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Pesek is hard at work preparing the agenda, and assisting him he has a secretary based in the U.S.A. and another secretary based in the U.S.S.R.

Pesek believes that the arrival of Americans or Russians on the Moon shortly will bring very much nearer the day when his theories about extra terrestrial life are vindicated, for once Earthmen are on the Moon they will be able to see from there the planets other solar systems. He also does not exclude Mars as a possible home for extraterrestrial life.

He believes that the Prague Symposium will be an important milestone in Space Research. Its recommendations regarding future methods of investigation will be submitted to the United Nations for urgent study. Summing up, Professor Pesek says: "There is a tremendous difference between setting up a complicated investigation laboratory in only one country, which would mean that it would take perhaps 20 years to carry out our programme, and setting up 50 or so stations all around the world which would be able to complete the same programme in perhaps only five years. I think time is pressing.

Credit: English F.S. Review.